Transportation and mining of coal by contractors

†3726. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the details of actual mining and explored coal are not reported to Government due to the transportation and mining work being given by government to contractors in Chhattisgarh and as a result of which Government are losing huge revenue;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to entrust the transportation and mining work to private companies in order to protect S.E.C.L. companies from the loss of revenue; and

(c) Government's response thereto and the details of action Govenrment are going to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer given to part (a) of the question.

Use of surface minor machines

†3727. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether quality of coal improves with the use of surface miner machine in coal mining;

(b) the names of mines under Coal India in which surface miner machines are being used and the rates thereof;

(c) whether tender was invited for surface miner machine for coal mining in Gevara/Dipka mine under SECL during 2002-03;

(d) if so, the reasons for not arriving at a decision yet; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) As reported by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), quality of coal improves with the use of Surface Miner machines. Surface Miner machines

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